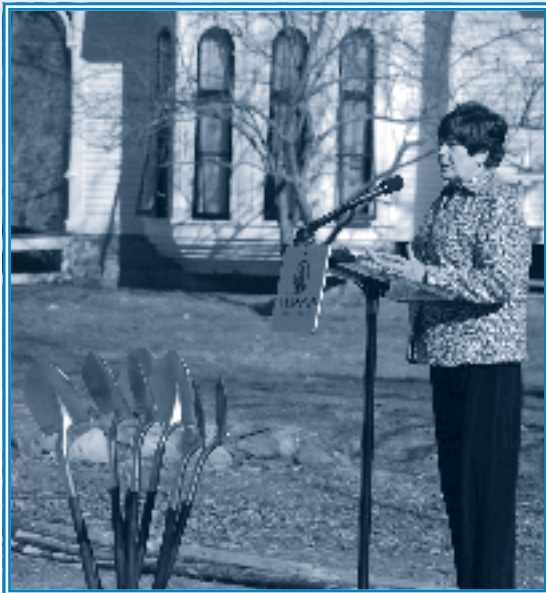




I was joined in early November by local elected officials and other dignitaries at the grand opening of the new home of the Middlesex Central Connecticut Chapter of the American Red Cross in Old Saybrook. The presence of the Red Cross headquarters in the Old Saybrook Shopping Center and its familiar logo will be a welcome sight to all those who seek assistance, participate in its training programs, or want to be of service to other shoreline residents. The phone number at the new Red Cross office is 860-388-3708.

A few weeks ago, I had the honor of participating in the groundbreaking ceremony for a new housing complex for actors, directors, and technicians at the The Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam. The construction of 17 new homes—expected to take about one year—will create dozens of jobs for local builders, carpenters, electricians, and painters. The \$5.5 million project will be funded in part by a grant I helped secure from the state Department of Economic and Community Development.



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Dear Neighbor,

This year the legislature was faced with historic challenges. We addressed a grim fiscal reality with an austere budget characterized by severely limited spending and a revised tax policy grounded in fairness. The compromise required exhausting negotiations that lasted several extra months; rest assured we continuously monitor the still-volatile economic conditions.

As we do, I'd like to keep you current with other legislative achievements and new laws enacted, some of which are outlined in this newsletter.

I also encourage you to contact my Capitol office with questions or comments you have about these topics or other state government issues. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Eileen Daily  
State Senator

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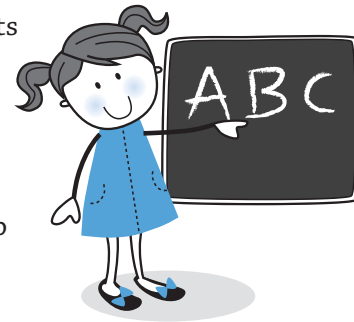
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# LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

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## Helping Preschoolers & Their Teachers

Staff at preschools and child-care programs may be able to spend more time with your child and less time doing paperwork thanks to a new law. We're streamlining reporting requirements by creating uniform standards and eliminating red tape. The changes will enable preschools and child-care programs to devote more time to the children and less time to administrative oversight. The law will also help identify ways to improve services to Connecticut's underprivileged children.

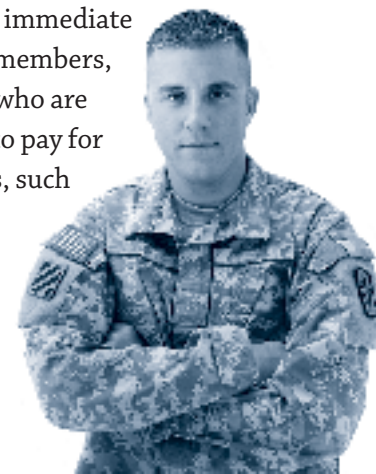


## At-Home Care for the Elderly

Many senior citizens in Connecticut will soon have increased access to personal, non-medical care due to the enactment of a new law I supported. Qualifying seniors can receive financial aid for in-home personal care assistants to help with such things as bathing, dressing and meal preparation. This approach is more desirable for seniors and more cost-effective for the state. It allows elderly residents to hire their preferred assistants without using a home health care agency.

## Helping Those Who've Sacrificed for Our State and Country

Many families are having a hard time making ends meet right now, and this includes military families. The General Assembly passed legislation that expands eligibility for the Military Relief Fund to immediate relatives of Connecticut-domiciled armed forces members, including Connecticut National Guard members who are not on active duty. This fund is used by the state to pay for essential personal or household goods or services, such as repairs, uninsured medical services, transportation or school supplies after an applicant demonstrates a hardship caused by active duty.



## HELPING FAMILIES SURVIVE THE RECESSION

### Helping Families on the Brink of Foreclosure

The housing market crash has had a devastating effect on our state and national economies. Connecticut has been a leader in its effort to keep people in their homes and stabilize property values for all homeowners. We built on that success this year by expanding two important mortgage assistance programs. A new law now requires banks and homeowners to work together to explore options before any foreclosure takes place. The law also improves regulation of mortgage professionals and expands the banking commissioner's enforcement and investigative authority.



### Protecting Your Property Values

Foreclosed homes often stand empty and uncared for and can become a target for vandals. Studies have shown that one abandoned, foreclosed property can bring down neighboring property values and increase neighborhood crime. This year, the legislature enacted a new law that requires any bank, lender or holding company that owns a foreclosed property to register it so that municipalities can enforce any state statute or municipal ordinance on the maintenance or repair of real estate.



### Protecting Families from Reckless Cuts

Despite efforts by some to make reckless cuts, I stood up for these and other important programs and services:

- ▶ **The LIFE STAR** medical helicopter has helped save lives in every town in Connecticut. A vital service for those in rural parts of the state.
- ▶ **Higher education scholarships** help students and their parents afford college. A recession is the worst time to reduce scholarships and financial aid.
- ▶ **Public libraries** add so much to our towns and cities. Across-the-board cuts, as some proposed, would have hit them hard.
- ▶ **School-based health centers** help protect children from epidemics, such as the flu. Deep cuts to these centers would have undermined public health.

## JOBS, JOBS, JOBS



### Protecting Jobs and Helping Businesses

Small businesses are the backbone of our economy. In order to protect jobs and help businesses, the legislature passed a law that requires state agencies to produce a small business impact analysis whenever proposing new regulations. This will open up the lines of communication between small business and state government and ensure more transparency when state agencies are looking to put new regulations on the books.



### Growing Green Jobs

Connecticut joined 25 other states this year in passing "green jobs" legislation. In order to help grow jobs, the bill would have required the state to apply for any federal "green jobs" funding and to establish a program to create green jobs and promote green energy and conservation. The bill also emphasized using the resources of Connecticut's existing green industries, such as biofuel and solar panel manufacturers and our strong fuel cell industry. Unfortunately, this bill was vetoed by the governor. We will try to pass this important initiative next year — we need the jobs.